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SUBJECT: HUNTER ENGINEERING, INC. ALUMINUM PROJECT

REF: CAIRO 12937

1. MID-AFTERNOON TODAY, PRIMIN'S CHEF DE CABINET, GENERAL NABAWI, TELEPHONED. RECALLING OUR TELECON OF YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ABOUT CHEMTEX/DUPONT (CAIRO 12942), HE SAID HE HAD MADE AN ERROR. HE HAD ASSUMED THAT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT HUNTER ENGINEERING ALUMINUM PRJLECT. UPON CHECKING WITH MININD SHAHIN, LATTER HAD TOLD HIM DECISION HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE "LONG TIME AGO" TO GIVE POLYESTER FIBER PLANT TO FRENCH. SHAHIN HAD SUGGESTED MY CALL MUST HAVE HAD TO DO WITH HUNTER ENGINEERING. NABAWI WAS VERY APOLOGIETIC FOR THE MISUNDERSTANDING. I TOLD NABAWI THAT THE PARTICULAR SUGGESTION I HAD CONVEYED TO HIM YESTERDAY HAD BEEN MADE IN BEHALF OF CHEMTEX/DUPONT, BUT I HAD SEEN PRESS ARTICLE THIS MORNING INDICATING POLYESTER FIBER CONTRACT WITH FRENCH MUST HAVE BEEN SIGNED ABOUT THE VERY TIME OF

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MY CALL. WE WERE VERY DISAPPOINTED WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT AND

CONCERNED THAT CHEMTEX-DUPONT DOES NOT BELIEVE IT RECEIVED  
FARI HEARING.

2. I WANTED HIM TO KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT WE ARE  
EQUALLY INTERESTED IN INSURING THAT HUNTER  
ENGINEERING GETS FARI HEARING. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING  
SPECIAL GOFI TECHNICAL COMMITTEE HAS INDICATED  
HUNTER'S PROPOSAL IS FINANCIALLY AND TECHNOLOGICALLY  
SUPERIOR TO THAT OF COMPETING FRENCH FIRM AND  
IT SEEMED TO ME TO BE CLEARLY IN GOE'S BEST  
INTEREST TO GET THE BEST AND MOST ECONOMICALLY  
SOUND OFFER AVAILABLE. I ASKED NABAWI BRING THIS  
MATTER TO PRIMIN'S ATTENTION. HE SEEMED A BIT  
EMBARRASSED ABOUT IT ALL, BUT SAID HE WOULD  
AGAIN BE IN TOUCH WITH SHAHIN BEFORE SUBMITTING  
MATTER TO PRIMIN FOR LATTER'S CONSIDERATION.

3. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO TRY TO ASSURE  
THAT HUNTER'S PROPOSAL GETS FAIR HEARING, BUT  
HERE AGAIN THE SUSPICION EXISTS THAT A POLITICAL  
COMMITMENT WAS GIVEN TO THE FRENCH THAT THEY  
WOULD GET THE PROJECT.

4. NO OBJECTION DEPARTMENT ADVISES HUNTER  
ENGINEERING OF ABOVE.  
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